

HOUSE BILL 1315

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By: **Delegate Stull**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Turf Research - Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting certain property relating to turf research from the
4 system development charge imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary
5 Commission; providing for the retroactive application of this Act; and generally
6 relating to the WSSC system development charge and turf research facilities.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
9 Section 6-113(c)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District**

15 6-113.

16 (c) (1) (i) The Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's
17 County Council shall meet annually to discuss and approve the amount of the system
18 development charge.

19 (ii) The amount of the charge for a particular property:

20 1. Shall be based on the number of plumbing fixtures and the
21 assigned values for those fixtures as set forth in the WSSC plumbing and gas fitting
22 regulations;

23 2. Except as provided in item 3 of this subparagraph, on or
24 after July 1, 1998, may not exceed \$200 per fixture unit;

25 3. For residential properties with five or fewer toilets, shall
26 be based on the number of toilets per dwelling unit and:

- 1 A. For each apartment unit, may not exceed \$2,000;
2 B. For dwellings with one or two toilets, may not exceed
3 \$3,000;
4 C. For dwellings with three to four toilets, may not exceed
5 \$5,000; or
6 D. For dwellings with five toilets, may not exceed \$7,000; and
7 4. For dwellings with more than five toilets, shall be
8 calculated on a fixture unit basis.

9 (iii) When establishing the charge under this section, the County
10 Councils shall identify and consider the actual cost of construction of WSSC facilities.

11 (iv) When establishing the charge under this section, under criteria
12 established jointly and agreed to by the County Councils, the County Councils:

13 1. Shall grant a full or partial exemption from the charge for
14 public sponsored or affordable housing as jointly defined and agreed upon by the
15 County Councils;

16 2. SHALL GRANT A FULL EXEMPTION FROM THE CHARGE
17 FOR A CONNECTION USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESEARCH PLOTS AT A TURF
18 RESEARCH FACILITY OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
19 COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN COLLEGE PARK;

20 3. May grant a full or partial exemption from the charge for
21 revitalization projects; and

22 [3.] 4. May grant a full or partial exemption from the
23 charge, under conditions prescribed by the County Councils, for:

24 A. Residential property located in a mixed retirement
25 development as defined in the zoning ordinance of Prince George's County;

26 B. Residential property located in a planned retirement
27 community as defined in the zoning ordinance of Montgomery County;

28 C. Other elderly housing; or

29 D. Properties used for biotechnology research and
30 development, or manufacturing.

31 (v) On July 1, 1999, and July 1 of each succeeding year, the
32 maximum charge, as established in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, may be
33 changed by an amount equal to the prior calendar year's change in the Consumer
34 Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States
35 Department of Labor for urban wage earners and clerical workers for all items for the
36 Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, or the successor index.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
2 construed retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect a turf
3 research facility placed in service on or after July 1, 1999.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 2000.